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1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED AND APPROVED BY
THE BUREAU OF EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN AFFAIRS AND OTHER
SELECTED BUREAUS HANDLING ISSUES OF INTEREST TO EUR POSTS FOR
THE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO EUR
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TOPICS INCLUDE:

-- SERBIA: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
-- EUROPE: ASSISTANT SECRETARY BETH JONES TRAVEL
-- EU: ICC AND ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENTS
-- TURKEY: SEIZURE OF URANIUM
-- GERMANY: SUBMISSION OF FOUR NAMES FOR UN ASSET FREEZE

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2. SERBIA: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT VOJISLAV KOSTUNICA WINNING THE FIRST ROUND OF VOTING IN SERBIA'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

A:-- THE U.S. WELCOMES THE MANNER IN WHICH THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WERE HELD YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 29) IN SERBIA, AND COMMENDS THE CITIZENS OF SERBIA FOR THEIR PEACEFUL AND STRONG PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

Q: WERE THE ELECTIONS CONDUCTED IN A FREE AND FAIR MANNER?

A:-- AS NOTED BY ELECTION MONITORS FROM THE OSCE'S OFFICE OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (ODHIR) AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, THE ELECTION WAS CONDUCTED IN A FREE AND FAIR MANNER AND LARGELY IN LINE WITH INTERNATIONAL NATIONAL STANDARDS.

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-- IN ADDITION MEDIA COVERAGE WAS REASONABLY BALANCED AND OFFERED AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CANDIDATES TO GET THEIR MESSAGE OUT.

-- WE ALSO BELIEVE IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT ELECTION DAY IN SERBIA WAS CALM AND ORDERLY.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION TO THE SURPRISINGLY STRONG SHOWING OF ULTRA-NATIONALIST VOJISLAV SESELJ GARNERING 22.5 PERCENT OF THE VOTE?

A:-- WE ARE MONITORING THE UNFOLDING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SERBIA WITH INTEREST BUT HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTIONS IN WHAT CLEARLY IS A DOMESTIC POLITICAL MATTER. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT THE SERBIAN VOTERS DEMONSTRATED THAT DEMOCRACY IS TAKING ROOT, AND THAT THEY HAD GENUINE CHOICES. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS CHOSE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE MADE A CLEAR COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY.

3. EUROPE: ASSISTANT SECRETARY BETH JONES TRAVEL

Q: IS ASSISTANT SECRETARY JONES IN ANKARA, TURKEY, TODAY?

A: -- BETH JONES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN AFFAIRS, ARRIVED IN ANKARA, TURKEY ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND IS MEETING WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS THERE TODAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

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-- SHE WILL TRAVEL TO KIEV, UKRAINE ON OCTOBER 1 AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON, DC, ON OCTOBER 2.

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Q: CAN YOU PROVIDE ANY READOUT OF HER MEETINGS IN TURKEY?

A: -- WHILE IN TURKEY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY JONES IS MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUKRU SINA GUREL, AS WELL AS OTHER OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF TURKEY'S ARMED FORCES, GENERAL YASAR BUYUKANIT. THEIR DISCUSSIONS WILL TOUCH ON THE FULL RANGE OF BILATERAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES WE ROUTINELY DISCUSS WITH TURKEY.

Q: WHAT ABOUT HER MEETINGS IN UKRAINE?

A:-- IN KIEV, ASSISTANT SECRETARY JONES WILL BE MEETING WITH OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS U.S.-UKRAINIAN RELATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ONGOING U.S. POLICY REVIEW TOWARD UKRAINE.

4. EU: ICC AND ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENTS

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION'S DECISION WHICH ALLOWS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS TO NEGOTIATE ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE U.S. WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT?

A:-- WE HAVE ONLY JUST RECEIVED A REPORT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S DISCUSSIONS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENTS WITH NON-MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT, SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES. OUR ABILITY TO REACH SUCH AGREEMENTS IS IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED STATES AS WE HAVE MADE CLEAR IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE. WE WILL STUDY THE DETAILS OF THE EU'S DECISION CLOSELY.

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-- WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH MEMBER STATES IN GREATER DETAIL.

5. TURKEY: SEIZURE OF URANIUM

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THE U.S. IS LOOKING INTO THE REPORT.

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE REPORTED SEIZURE OF URANIUM BY

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TURKISH POLICE?

A:-- WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE REPORTS AND HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.

-- THE U.S. HAS A PROCESS TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES ON REPORTS OF SMUGGLING, ACCESS INFORMATION AND RESPOND AS REQUIRED.

6. GERMANY: SUBMISSION OF FOUR NAMES FOR UN ASSET FREEZE

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION TO GERMANY'S REQUEST TO THE UN'S 1267 COMMITTEE TO FREEZE THE ASSETS OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE UN'S RESOLUTIONS ON SANCTIONS?

A:-- THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES GERMANY'S DECISION TO SUBMIT NAMES TO BE ADDED TO THE UN'S CONSOLIDATED LIST OF ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHOSE ASSETS ARE SUBJECT TO FREEZE WITHOUT DELAY.

-- WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ALL UN AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO
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BLOCK THE ASSETS OF AL-QAIDA, THE TALIBAN, USAMA BIN LADEN,
AND THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THEM.

Q: WHY DID IT TAKE SO LONG FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS TO BE PLACED ON THE UN LIST?

A:-- FREEZING ASSETS IS ONE OF A VARIETY OF TOOLS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY USES IN ITS WAR AGAINST TERRORISM. UNTIL NOW, US ACTION HAS CONCENTRATED ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO THESE INDIVIDUALS.

Q: WHAT DID THESE PEOPLE DO IN AL-QAIDA?

A:-- THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF AL-QAIDA. FOR DETAILS ON THEIR ACTIVITIES, WE REFER YOU TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

Q: ISN'T ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS ON THE GERMAN LIST IN US CUSTODY?

A:-- RAMZI BINALSHIBH IS IN U.S. CUSTODY. FOR ANY SPECIFICS ON THIS CASE, I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE FBI.
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